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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Administrative Branch, DPD-DD/P  
SUBJECT : Security Review - Project CORONA  
REFERENCE : (A) WPD-3063-59, dated 13 May 1959  
(B) COR-0441-59 (TS), dated 5 May 1959

1. The first referenced document is your letter suggesting a Security/Cover review of the aspects of our CORONA 1960 program. The second reference is the memo prepared by DD/P to the Deputy Secretary of Defense outlining the approval of the 1960 extension of CORONA within the frame work of the Agency/DCI relationship as presently established. Prior to any review of specific Security considerations it is my feeling several other factors need to be examined. I have outlined them for at least a discussion within the Administrative Branch, DPD.

2. The following factors need to be resolved:

(a) There is a critical need for written clarification of Agency management responsibility for CORONA via a vis USAF and ARPA.

(b) There is need for a written description of CIA relationship to VERAS within 1960. This would include whether we are to monitor, whether we are responsible as in CORONA, and whether these programs are to be treated as one program or three different programs (CORONA 1959, 1960 and VERAS).

(c) There is need to clearly designate the IEPD Project CORONA Officer, in view of [redacted] imminent departure, and define his management responsibility. As you know, the Security Staff relies heavily on the Project Officer function to effectuate IEPD Security policy.

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(d) We need to immediately identify any new contractors in the CORONA 1960 program and for that matter in the VEDAS program. This goes to a matter presently under advisement regarding participation by General Electric.

(e) A practical matter (but critical in current operations) is the need to rebrief DPD personnel visiting various organizations on Division policy on the several programs and Security measures that are applicable. We have observed a growing Security indifference or lethargy within our structure.

3. I regard the above as specific needs. However, they are part of an over-all requirement to clarify and define CIA/DPD Security objectives and responsibility for future satellite programs. It is imperative that a common policy be defined at once.

4. Following a review of the above I feel we will then be prepared to profitably undertake the Security/Cover review suggested in your communication.



Security Officer  
DPD-DD/P

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